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BERLIN (WEST) AND POINTS IN THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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1. PAN AMERICAN BERLIN HAS BEEN ASKED BY DLH FOR ASSUR-  
ANCE OF SPACE ON A DAILY BASIS TO CARRY LUFTHANSA (DLH)  
AIR CARGO BETWEEN BERLIN AND FRANKFURT PREVIOUSLY  
HANDLED BY TRUCK. THE GERMAN CARRIER BASES ITS REQUEST  
ON IATA 507(B) AND THE FMT'S "INTERPRETATION" THERETO  
WHICH THEY FEEL IS VALID FOR BERLIN (WEST) ALSO.

2. AS THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED EARLIER, PAN AMERICAN  
HAS TENDED FROM THE BEGINNING TO LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON  
THE GERMAN "INTERPRETATION" ATTACHED TO 507(B) EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 1, 1975, IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD BE AD-  
VANTAGEOUS TO THEIR OPERATIONS. CONSISTENT WITH THIS  
VIEW, PAN AMERICAN DIRECTOR RUNNETTE HAS NOW ASKED THE  
EMBASSY'S CAA TO TAKE STEPS TO HAVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON  
TRUCKING STEMMING FROM THE GERMAN "INTERPRETATION"  
APPLIED TO BERLIN. SINCE DLH CONSOLIDATES VIRTUALLY ALL  
OF ITS SHIPMENTS AT FRANKFURT AND PAA IS THE ONLY ALLIED  
CARRIER SERVING THE BERLIN/FRANKFURT ROUTE SINCE JUNE,  
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PAA WOULD IN FACT BE AUTOMATICALLY ASSURED OF THIS

CARGO BUSINESS.

3. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IATA PROVISIONS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY APPLICABLE TO BERLIN; HOWEVER, THE CAA'S HAVE, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, REQUIRED THAT ANALOGOUS PROCEDURES BE OBSERVED BY CARRIERS OPERATING TO AND FROM BERLIN. IN THE PRESENT CASE SUCH CAA ACTION WOULD, OF COURSE, BENEFIT BOTH PAA AND BA. (RUNNETTE HAS TOLD US THAT IN ADDITION TO DLH, OTHER NON-ALLIED CARRIERS ARE TRUCKING TO AND FROM WEST BERLIN.) BRITISH AND FRENCH CAA'S HAVE NOT RAISED THIS ISSUE AND WE DOUBT THEY WOULD UNLESS EMB CAA TOOK THE INITIATIVE.

4. GIVEN U.S. VIEWS IN OPPOSITION TO THE FRG "INTERPRETATION" AND THEIR EXPRESSION IN THE EMBASSY'S RECENT DEMARCHE WITH FRG AUTHORITIES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR THE U.S. CAA TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF INTRODUCING SIMILAR TRUCKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE BERLIN SERVICES. PAA DIRECTOR RUNNETTE IS AWARE OF U.S. OPPOSITION TO RECENT GERMAN MOVES TO RESTRICT TRUCKING AND APPRECIATES THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IN SPONSORING THE EXTENSION OF COMPARABLE MEASURES TO THE BERLIN SCENE. HE FELT, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS TO PAA OF SUCH A STEP HE HAD TO MAKE THE REQUEST, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF DLH'S LETTER.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE ONLY ACTION THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN IS TO REQUEST PAA IN REPLYING TO DLH'S LETTER TO POINT OUT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 507(B), AS INTERPRETED BY THE FRG, DO NOT APPLY TO BERLIN, SINCE THE ALLIED CIVIL AIR ATTACHES, THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE BERLIN AIR SERVICES, HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR APPROVAL. IF LUFTHANSA HAS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING TRUCKING FROM BERLIN, INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CIVIL AIR ATTACHES.  
ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.  
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